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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Senate Foreign Relations Committee by
DCI, Monday, 18 January 1960

1. At two o'clock on 18 January, the Director appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee accompanied by Robert Amory, Jr., and John S. Warner. Present for the Committee were:

J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.)
Chairman

Theodore Francis Green (D., R.I.)
John Sparkman (D., Ala.)
Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.)
Wayne Morse (D., Ore.)
Albert Gore (D., Tenn.)
Frank J. Lausche (D., Ohio)
Frank Church (D., Idaho)

Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.)
Bourke B. Hickenlooper
(R., Iowa)
George D. Aiken (R., Vt.)
Frank Carlson (R., Kans.)
John J. Williams (R., Del.)

Present from the staff were:

Carl Marcy
Pat M. Holt

Donald G. Henderson
Betty Lou Goetz

The reporter was Robert G. Cantor of Ward and Paul. Prior to the hearing there was a technical sweep of the room and the hearing was in executive session. There were reporters and photographers present at the beginning of the hearing and at its close at approximately five o'clock. Senator Williams was present as the new member although he had not been technically approved on the Committee and, therefore, was presented in the status of an invitee.

2. The Director read from his prepared statement being asked a number of clarifying questions. Senator Morse took the occasion to compliment the Director saying that the Director's keen mind had provided them with an excellent seminar. At the close of the hearing, Senator Morse again most graciously thanked the Director for his assistance.

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3. Each member present was provided a copy of the FBIS Daily Supplement containing the text of Khrushchev's recent speech.

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4. The Director commented on the number of defectors who had come over during the last year particularly mentioning that [redacted] "gave the lie to THE UGLY AMERICAN."

5. Senator Mansfield asked the Director what reaction there was to the travels abroad of Senator Hiram Fong and Representative Daniel Inouye. The Director indicated that they had created excellent impressions and the reactions had been generally very good.

6. Senators Fulbright and Hickenlooper asked for the Director's views on the matter of legislation aimed at preventing Communist Party supporters or members obtaining U. S. passports. The Director indicated that there was some damage to the U. S. from their ability to travel but that he recognized that this was a difficult legislative problem under our system of government.

7. In general the meeting went very well and the members seemed most interested and in fact most of them stayed until the close of the hearing. Carl Marcy advised me that the briefing that the Director was giving the members was precisely what they wanted and it certainly resulted in a high opinion of the Director and the Agency in the work it was doing.

8. Efforts will be made to secure a transcript and details of the briefing will not be included here.

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